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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY

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1. This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for November 18, 2002. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

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2. SOUTHEASTERN DAMS WILL DISPLACE LOCALS (Evrensel) A U.K.-based Kurdish Human Rights Project delegation traveled to Tunceli following contacts in Diyarbakir and Hakkari in order to investigate dam projects, elections and village returns. The delegation called for international support against dam projects in the region, claiming these projects would displace local people.

3. INDICTMENT OF FOUR DEHAP MEMBERS CONCLUDED (Evrensel) The Prosecutor's Office prepared its indictment against four Democratic People's Party (DEHAP) members arrested during DEHAP election campaign in Sirnak for playing Kurdish-language songs and flashing "V" signs in support of PKK (KADEK).

4. MERSIN NEWROZ ARRESTEE CHARGE POLICE WITH TORTURE (Evrensel) Nimet Tekin, who was arrested during unauthorized Newroz celebrations in Mersin and released after eight months in jail, claimed she had been tortured while in custody. Tekin will reportedly file suit against police officers.  
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